PROJECT	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
Develop strategic direction Theme & positioning	RTM	11/30/00	n/a
Create new regional tourism authority Board / Committee structure to include the following committees: <ul> <li>a) Finance &amp; Grants</li> <li>b) Product Inventory / Development</li> <li>c) Marketing / Research</li> <li>d) Leadership / Training</li> </ul> <li>Appoint committee chairs, plan first meeting, Establish reporting process</li>	FAT	07/01/01	n/a
Hire new Executive Director	FAT	08/01/01	
Create & redesign primary Marketing Materials:	: FAT Staff Marketing Committee	Spring '01 e	

## Redesign Brochure (Visitor Guide):

- a) Positioning & Hook / emotional connection
- b) Top attractors "Must-Sees"
- c) Attractions
- d) Itineraries
- e) Events / shopping / dining
- f) Outdoor Leisure / Recreation
- g) Lodging
- h) Re-designed user-friendly map

## Web Site:

- a) Same design & look as other materials
- b) Include inquiry form/database
- c) Interactive
- d) Follow outline listed in strategies

### Padded Map:

- a) Names of "Must-sees" & attractions
- b) Primary roads, landmarks & rivers
- c) Icons for lodging, dining, information, recreation, etc..
- d) Grid with A-7, G-4 etc..
- e) Reference Visitors Guide

## **PROJECT**

## RESPONSIBILITY DEADLINE BUDGET

#### Re-design Press Kit:

- a) Same design & look as other materials
- b) Story Ideas
- c) Basic Information & Materials

Enhance secondary niche brochures

Develop a written fulfillment procedures process Design to prevent repeat identical mailings

Maintain and expand new brochure distribution FAT Staff

FAT Staff

- a) Use distribution services for distribution I-95, I-85, State Welcome Centers
  - b) Distribution to regional welcome centers
  - c) Distribution to hotels/motels in region

Create & redesign primary Ads FAT Staff

Same positioning as marketing materials

Marketing Committee

Develop the Group Tour & Leisure markets with shows:

- a) Create an exciting booth display for trade shows.
- b) Display should Position & Hook
- Schedule leisure & trade shows in key & new markets.
- d) Increase # of shows. Co-op expenses with regional DMO's.
- e) Make direct sales calls as planned
- f) Maintain contacts with key planners

Develop and implement annual PR Plan FAT Staff

- a) Identify key contacts in target markets
- b) Develop effective "Hook" promo's
- c) Develop a media page on the web site

Develop Hospitality Training Program FAT Staff /

- a) Establish goals quick, effective Leadership Training Comm.
- b) Develop materials / handouts
- c) Schedule sessions at local businesses

Revitalize the Museum Pass Program FAT Staff

Marketing Comm.

### **PROJECT**

## RESPONSIBILITY DEADLINE BUDGET

Develop "Extend The Stay" & Seasonal Promotions FAT Staff

a) Establish a sub-committee

Marketing Committee

- b) Develop the concept
- c) Develop in-room marketing materials
- d) Develop Lobby marketing Materials
- e) Establish placement & replenishment program
- f) Conduct follow-up research for results

Develop VFR local promotions

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a) Pull-out section in local newspaper

Marketing Committee

- b) Two color reunion brochure
- c) Two color wedding/funeral brochure

Develop Small Meeting Recruitment Program

**FAT Staff** 

- a) Establish a sub-committee from Lodging
- b) Identify target businesses/assoc. etc.
- c) Develop mailers & materials
- d) Coordinate meetings for welcome materials
- e) Make telephone solicitation calls

Develop Sports & Golf Marketing Programs

**FAT Staff** 

a) Inventory all facilities

Subcommittee

- b) Develop list of needed new facilities
- c) Target events based on current facilities
- d) Develop target database
- e) Identify appropriate shows to attend

Develop Northern Virginia Day Trip Shopping Promos FAT Staff

a) Work with merchants committee

Merchants Committee

- b) identify target publications
- c) develop ads that fit core positioning

Hold an annual marketing retreat with local

**FAT Staff** 

organizations & constituents

- a) Distribute research findings& creative strategies for the year
- b) Conduct co-op packaging workshop
- c) Identify unmet needs

Be the "Voice of Tourism" for The Fredericksburg area Exec. Dir.

- a) Maintain regular contact with City/County officials
- b) Maintain regular contact with local media
- c) Maintain regular contact with civic leaders
- d) Make regular speeches to civic clubs & organizations

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## **PROJECT**

# RESPONSIBILITY DEADLINE BUDGET

Develop new regional Welcome/information center Exec. Dir

FAT Board

Encourage new product development Exec. Dir.

Identify opportunities within the city & Product Inv. & Dev. Comm establish priorities/ unmet needs:

a) Civil War Reenactments

b) Arts & Crafts Festivals

c) One Man shows

d) George Washington Museum

e) Multi-entertainment Complex

f) Antique Trail

g) Shopping Opportunities

Conduct Annual Reconnaissance Product Inv. & Dev. Comm.

a) Gateways

b) Signage

c) Visitor Centers

d) Lodging

e) Dining

f) Attractors/Attractions

g) Unmet visitor needs

Conduct Annual Research: FAT Staff

Revise Visitor profile conversion & satisfaction Including a random sample of visitors to attractions, lodging & visitor centers Schedule at different times of year

a) Product inventory Product Inv./Dev.

b) Unmet needs Committee d) Evaluate the R.O.I. annually FAT Staff

Compare to previous research